

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are in the application. Claims 1-4 and 6 have been amended to set forth the invention more specifically.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Mitchell 2,023,027.

Mitchell 2,023,027

Mitchell discloses a drill rig to be used above ground, "as in drilling into the vertical face of a wall of earth". As shown in Fig. 2 of the reference, initially a guide sleeve 1 is formed in the rock face and is anchored by a jacket of cement. A drill rod R is inserted through the guide sleeve for drilling a hole into the rock. The drill rod R is fitted into a motor mounted on a main post 2. The main post extends parallel to and spaced from the drill rod.

An upright brace or jack-bar 18 forms a support for an upper end of post 2 and is supported at its lower end on a platform P.

There are no two guide rails (3, 3') as in claim 1 with the power tool machine 2 or drilling machine mounted on one guide rail 3' and the other guide rail 3 providing a support for the rail 3'.

The Mitchell reference does not disclose guide slides 4, 4' on each of the guide rails 3, 3' and one guide slide providing a junction 8 between the two guide rails.

While the reference discloses a platform P it is not a base plate 6 connected to the guide rail 3.

Claim 1 has been amended to point out the lock in Mitchell of the above distinguishing features of the applicant's invention.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 in the application are allowable and a favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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